

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS FOR THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF:

[REDACTED]

Reg. No.: 2011-3681  
Issue No.: 2007  
Case No.: [REDACTED]  
Load No.: [REDACTED]  
Hearing Date: February 10, 2011  
Wayne County DHS (82)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:** Michael J. Bennane

**HEARING DECISION**

This matter is before the undersigned Administrative Law Judge pursuant to MCL 400.9 and MCL 400.37 upon the claimant's request for a hearing. After due notice, a telephone hearing was held on February 10, 2011. The Claimant was represented by his Authorized Representative (AR), [REDACTED].

**ISSUE**

Whether the Department was correct in processing the claimant's Medical Assistance (MA) with retroactive MA?

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the competent, material, and substantial evidence on the whole record, finds a material fact:

1. On June 9, 2010, the Claimant filed an application for MA and retroactive MA.
2. On June 22, 2010, the department denied the claimant's MA and retroactive MA applications for lack of verification.
3. On July 11, 2010, L&S filed the authority to represent the claimant.
4. Subsequently the department issued another verification checklist.
5. On September 20, 2010, the claimant's AR filed a request for a hearing.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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The Medical Assistance (MA) program is established by the Title XIX of the Social Security Act and is implemented by Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The Department of Human Services (formerly known as the Family Independence Agency) administers the MA program pursuant to MCL 400.10, *et seq.*, and MCL 400.105. Department policies are found in the Bridges Administrative Manual (BAM), the Bridges Eligibility Manual (BEM) and the Program Reference Manual (PRM).

In this case, the department did not attend the hearing. The Hearing was scheduled for 9:30 am and the hearing began after 10:00 am without the department in attendance.

The claimant's AR testified that the department may have sent out a verification checklist after it had taken a negative action.

**DECISION AND ORDER**

The Administrative Law Judge, based on the above findings of fact and conclusions of law, REVERSES and ORDERS the department to reregister the Claimant's June 9, 2010, MA and retroactive MA applications.



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Michael J. Bennane  
Administrative Law Judge  
For Maura Corrigan, Director  
Department of Human Services

Date Signed: 3/1/2011

Date Mailed: 3/1/2011

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The Claimant may appeal the Decision and Order to Circuit Court within 30 days of the mailing of the Decision and Order or, if a timely request for rehearing was made, within 30 days of the receipt date of the rehearing decision.

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